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**Secretary of Education's Statement on Governor Schwarzenegger's Action on
Algebra Assessment in California**

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of Education David Long today issued the following statement in support of Governor Schwarzenegger's action on the state's Algebra assessment:

"In California we strive to give our students every opportunity to succeed. The Governor understands this and that is why he is asking the State Board of Education to ensure that all eighth graders take the Algebra I standardized test rather than the less rigorous general mathematics test.

"This is an important step in increasing student readiness and will help to ensure that all of our students are prepared for and succeed in the future. I commend the Governor for taking this action today and continuing his commitment to California's students."

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